

SENATE FIRST READERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 331. By Senators Thompson of the 14th, Hill of the 32nd, Cowser of the 46th, McKoon of the 29th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-2 and Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for the Juvenile Code and domestic relations, respectively, so as to provide that causing a child to be conceived as a result of violating certain prohibitions relating to certain offenses is an additional ground for terminating parental rights; to revise definitions; to provide that causing a child to be conceived as a result of violating certain prohibitions relating to certain offenses is an additional ground for losing parental rights and is relevant in certain adoption proceedings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.

SB 332. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, VanNess of the 43rd, Dugan of the 30th, Cowser of the 46th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-130 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, so as to clarify the judges and Justices who are exempt from various weapons carry laws and prohibitions; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to provide for the issuance of personal identification cards to certain judges and Justices of the federal and state judiciary who are exempt from various weapons carry laws and prohibitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.

SB 333. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, VanNess of the 43rd, Dugan of the 30th, Cowser of the 46th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nonprofit corporations, so as to allow for a nonprofit corporation organized in a foreign jurisdiction to change its jurisdiction of organization to this state; to allow for a nonprofit corporation organized in this state to change its jurisdiction of organization to a foreign jurisdiction; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

SB 334. By Senators Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th and James of the 35th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water and sewer projects and costs tax, so as to provide that municipalities that are parties to certain intergovernmental sewer service agreements may implement a sales tax for water and sewer projects and costs; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

SB 335. By Senators Black of the 8th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Hill of the 6th, Jones of the 10th and Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to revise provisions related to permissible investments in commingled funds and collective investment funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Retirement Committee.

SB 336. By Senators Black of the 8th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jones of the 10th and Lucas of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., related to retirement plans of the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System, so as to permit governing bodies of municipal corporations to enact plans or join a master plan by resolution in addition to ordinance; to designate a board of trustees for a master plan; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Retirement Committee.

SB 337. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Hill of the 6th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Cowsert of the 46th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Human Services to provide that certain dependents of a military service member shall maintain eligibility and priority for certain medical assistance and developmental disability services under certain conditions; to require the department to request a waiver if necessary to implement such provision; to provide that such provision shall only apply to the fullest extent permissible to remain in compliance with certain federal laws, rules, and regulations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 338. By Senators Hill of the 32nd and Thompson of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to workers' compensation generally, so as to provide for a certificate of state law applicability to be issued by the State Board of Workers' Compensation under certain circumstances; to provide for an application fee; to authorize the board to promulgate certain rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 339. By Senator Parent of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from certain City of Decatur ad valorem taxes, approved April 19, 2000 (Ga. L. 2000, p. 4285), so as modify the amount of a homestead exemption from City of Decatur ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes except for ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded indebtedness in the amount of \$25,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 340. By Senator Parent of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing an additional \$2,000.00 homestead exemption from City of Decatur ad valorem taxes for certain residents of said city, approved March 27, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4140), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 25, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 4475), and by an Act approved April 13, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 4259); to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 341. By Senator Parent of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal a former local constitutional amendment, Ga. L. 1981, p. 1914, which former local constitutional amendment was continued in effect as statutory law pursuant to Article VII, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Constitution of Georgia and which provides for a homestead exemption from certain city ad valorem taxes for residents of the City of Decatur in an amount to be fixed by the governing authority of the city at not more than \$2,000.00 for the first year, and which may be increased periodically, but which exemption shall not exceed \$10,000.00; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 342. By Senator Parent of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a homestead exemption from City of Decatur ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes except for ad valorem taxes levied to pay interest on and to retire municipal bonded indebtedness in the amount of \$15,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 62 years of age or older and whose income does not exceed \$50,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 343. By Senator Parent of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Decatur independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for five years in the full amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SR 906. By Senator Millar of the 40th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Georgia State Chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization Sisterhood and commending all 66 local chapters; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 907. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Orrock of the 36th and Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Thursday, February 25, 2016, as Lupus Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 908. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd, Beach of the 21st, Harper of the 7th and Ginn of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Electronic Driver's License Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to Rules Committee.

SR 909. By Senator Black of the 8th:

A RESOLUTION commending Mr. Eddie B. Tucker; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 910. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th, Fort of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the month of February as American Heart Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 911. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. David Kayango and congratulating him upon his appointment as the new CEO of the Center for Civil and Human Rights; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 912. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Tate of the 38th, Cowsert of the 46th and Jackson of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Gregg Allman for his 2015 Songwriters Award and third induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 913. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Tate of the 38th, Cowsert of the 46th and Jackson of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Monica Pearson for her 2015 Chairman's Award and induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 914. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Tate of the 38th, Cowsert of the 46th and Jackson of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending John Huie for his 2015 Non-Performer Award and induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 915. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Tate of the 38th, Cowsert of the 46th and Jackson of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending John Barbe and the late Jane Barbe for their 2015 Pioneer Award and induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 916. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Tate of the 38th, Cowsert of the 46th and Jackson of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the band Drivin' N Cryin' for their 2015 Group Award and induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 917. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, Tate of the 38th, Cowsert of the 46th, Jackson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sam Moore for his 2015 Performer Award and induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 918. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th, Henson of the 41st, Millar of the 40th and VanNess of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Emory Scholars Program; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 919. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Gooch of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd, Dugan of the 30th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Public Policy Foundation for its 25th year of continued service and work in researching and analyzing state public policy issues to educate citizens and enhance economic opportunity; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 920. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 11, 2016, as Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 921.](#) By Senator Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Charles Leroy "Buck" Simmons and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

[SR 922.](#) By Senator Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending John and Bobbie Foster for the dedication and service they have provided to the Cornelia radio station, WCON, Habersham County, and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.